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From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa [Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/5/2017 6:20:55 PM
To: Mylott, Richard [Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Budget and site specific questions from ABC Fox Montana

Okay – I went ahead and sent draft to HQ for efficiency.

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 12:20 PM
To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Budget and site specific questions from ABC Fox Montana

I think we're fine re: legal yes. Need to determine whether to call the company "CFAC" or "Glencore"? Also choose between "limited/minimal"? Maybe should mention plan for next public meeting later this month, date tbd?

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Budget and site specific questions from ABC Fox Montana

I'm sure he appreciates it but he got it around 8am and is leaving at 1:00-then I decided to check with HQ and told him so because he called me about the budget questions. In the past they wanted to respond to ones like that even when it had site specific q's.

You saw that Liz is saying we need legal counsel review right? We don't do that. I didn't respond to her.

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 12:05 PM
To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>
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Ok, sorry. I'll let you know next time. Not intended to replace any effort. This has been live for less than an hour so hopefully he will be like – I appreciate some of this and maybe 2-3 sentences here are useful and saves me time.

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>
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I did. But if you had told me earlier you were preparing responses, I would not have asked him to. He's probably already spent the effort.

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 12:01 PM
To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>
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Sorry, you can delete these if you want, offered as suggestions. Seems to me all you need to do is send these to Robert and say Rich had time to hack on these and offered the following in case any of the language helpful I would expect he'd be appreciative....I would be.

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Budget and site specific questions from ABC Fox Montana

Thanks – in the future you should tell me when you're preparing responses – I already spoke with Robert and he was working on it. I was also checking with OPA since in the past they've handled any budget related q's even if they go beyond. Now this Liz person is telling me to get legal counsel approval.

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:51 AM
To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Budget and site specific questions from ABC Fox Montana

Some thoughts below—for you and Mike to ground-truth--and fix-- as needed...

- 1) Designated superfund site correct? Will the budget cuts affect this clean up at all? And if it will how? Will there be enough money to cover the clean up? Partial clean up? How much money is being set aside for CFAC clean up? How long will clean up take?

EPA is not commenting on the FY 2017 budget at this early stage in the process. Under an agreement with EPA, Glencore/CFAC is providing funds for SF related activity, including recent site investigation and sampling work which will eventually identify specific cleanup needs and options. Discussions regarding specific cleanup needs and actions will be based on that evaluation.

- 2) Compared to Libby asbestos situation how bad is the contamination? Is it as bad? Not that bad? How will residents in Columbia Falls be affected? Health wise? Are old workers who used to work at CFAC health impacted? How so?

The sites are very different. The Libby, Montana site involved a different contamination source and exposure pathways affecting residents. Glencore/CFAC is currently conducting a site investigation under the SF process, and EPA, the community and others are evaluating new sampling data released last month. To date, there is no information indicating exposure pathways affecting residents. Primary concerns include on-site soils and groundwater impacts, as well as potential impacts to the Flathead River. While the site investigation is ongoing, data released last week suggest limited/minimal off-site impacts.

- 3) Was there any settlement money with the company like the WR Grace settlement?

Under an agreement with EPA, Glencore/CFAC is providing funds for and conducting site investigation activities under the SF process.

- 4) What should residents in Columbia Falls be concerned about? Educated about?

EPA has been engaged and communicating regularly with the community since 2014? through public meetings and information sessions regarding site conditions, the SF process, and next steps. Key actions this summer include XX and YY, which will inform ZZZ. The next public meeting is scheduled for later this month...We encourage residents to continue to attend these meetings for updates on site conditions and next steps.

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>
Subject: Budget and site specific questions from ABC Fox Montana

Please advise – should region respond to these (see below) or press@epa.gov?

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To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>
Cc: Cirian, Mike <Cirian.Mike@epa.gov>
Subject: CFAC questions

Hi Lisa,

I've been compiling some questions that I will have you pass on to HQ. Thanks!

I'll probably be sending you more in the coming days/weeks as I think of them.

- 1) Designated superfund site correct? Will the budget cuts affect this clean up at all? And if it will how? Will there be enough money to cover the clean up? Partial clean up? How much money is being set aside for CFAC clean up? How long will clean up take?
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- 5) What should residents in Columbia Falls be concerned about? Educated about?

Best,

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